Mixture of water in LPG Cylinders

†1739. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from consumers of LPG cylinders filled with water at the time of its supply;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by Government during the last three years in this regard and also less weighing LPG cylinders, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government on each complaint, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have received 107 established complaints from the customers residing in various States during the last three years relating to water filled cylinders/under weight cylinders.

(c) Action against erring distributors has been taken as per the prevailing Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreement by OMCs.

Financial Performance of HPCL

1740. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether HPCL has posted 82 per cent drop in net profit for the October-December, 2001 quarter than a year ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for improving performance of HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The percentage fall in profit of

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